**Discrepancies in AISSE/AISSCE**

196. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports appearing in the print media in Assam with regard to discrepancies in the AISSE and AISSCE board exam results announced for 2006-07; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to save the future of the students affected by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) A report in the Guwahati edition of a national newspaper dated 26.5.2007 mentioned that in the All India Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (class 12) conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education, the results in the north-east region was not very encouraging vis-a-vis the all India performance.

(b) CBSE has undertaken following measures for improvement of performance:-

(i) Sample Question papers have been published.

(ii) School based internal evaluations have been strengthened in Social Sciences and Mathematics,

(iii) Question papers have been re-strctured in various subjects, and

(iv) Fifteen minutes of additional time has given to students to read the question paper before starting to write answer in the examination hall.

Further, to improve the situation, particularly for students of NER, the Board has initiated action for conducting teachers' empowerment programme in various subjects.

**IIT in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa**

197. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an IIT and upgrade two other technical institutes to IIT level in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Orissa Government has written to the Prime Minister for establishment of a Greenfield IIT and for upgradation of the extension campus of IIT Kharagpur at Bhubaneswar; and

(d) if so, the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government have decided to set up an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Andhra Pradesh. Also, on the recommendation of Prof. S.K. Joshi Committee, the Government has released grants for upgradation of Andhra University College of Engineering, Visakhapatnam and